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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

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Nikita Khrushchev, the new number-two man in the Soviet hierarchy, is still relatively unknown in the free world. Most Western newspapers have identified him as a Ukrainian and as representing the liberal point of view in the Communist Party concerning the rights of non-Russians in the Soviet Union.

But this is not the case. Khrushchev was born in 1894 at Kursk, of a peasant family. He is a Russian; no member of his family is of Ukrainian extraction.

During World War I, he was a private in the Tsarist Army. He held the same rank in the Red Army in the early years of the Revolution.

In 1921, Khrushchev was sent, as a worker, to the Donbass mining basin. This was his first contact with the Ukraine.

In 1935, he became secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. In 1938, Stalin gave him the mission of purging the Ukrainian Communist Party at Kiev. He is a sworn enemy of the Ukrainian autonomists.

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